

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 1731 PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62474

GROUP 1700

Carlos PEDRIDO, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Appln. No.: 09/745,414

Confirmation No.: 9890

Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN

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For:

PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING

FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET

ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT

INLET ARRANGEMENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, please amend the above-

identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claim 11. (Amended) An apparatus for drawing a fiber, comprising:

a preform body;

an inlet arrangement, comprising:

an inlet;

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